

# SWCP Mission Statement Proposals

From the March 28 workgroup meeting: (Julie Labranche):

“The Maryland Wetlands Conservation Strategy Plan mission is to promote:

- statewide preservation and conservation of wetland ecosystems and wetland function, and
- comprehensive management of wetland resources through a partnership of consistent federal, State, and local policies and public and private participation.”



From the March 28 workgroup meeting (as suggested and modified by the group):

“to facilitate the conservation of wetland resources through a comprehensive management plan.”

MDE offers the following options for work group consideration, based on comments from the last meeting:

“The mission of the Maryland Wetland Conservation Plan is to:

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| option #1 | -balance the controlled use and protection of wetlands through coordinated management of federal, State, and local programs with public participation.”  |
| option #2 | -promote comprehensive management of wetlands by coordinating goals and programs of federal, State, local and private interests.”  |
| option #3 | -promote a balance between controlled use and protection of wetlands by coordinating goals and programs of federal, State, local, and private interests to achieve consistent, comprehensive management of wetland resources.”                 |
| option #4 | -achieve consistent, comprehensive management of wetlands by coordinating goals and programs of federal, State, local and private interests to balance controlled use, wetland protection, and net increases in wetland acreage and function.” |

option #5

“to encourage comprehensive and cooperative planning among all individuals and institutions concerned with wetlands and their adjacent lands, to facilitate decisions regarding such use which reflect a high degree of consensus at all stages of decision making, which maximize public and private benefits with the least adverse impact on significant wetland resources. Such a policy is intended to achieve an appropriate balance between economic, natural, cultural, recreational, tourist, scenic, historic and other similar values associated with wetlands and their buffers.”

Modified from McDade and Udall

option #6

-achieve comprehensive management of wetland resources, through consistent federal, State, and local policies, and public and private participation. This will include identification and resolution of gaps in current wetlands management, for the statewide conservation and preservation of wetland ecosystems and their functions, while balancing competing resource needs.”

option #7 -

-establish a plan for the maintenance and improvement of Maryland’s wetland resources and their functions, through a coordination of private, Federal, State, and local organizations, goals, and policies. This plan will be developed in recognition of competing resource needs, and with the aim of improving economic and other resources whenever possible.”